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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN FY78 IMET ALLOCATION FOR SUDAN

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2423, B. STATE 163657, C. STATE 169647

1. DCM DISCUSSED FY78 IMET PROGRAM SATURDAY, JULY 23, WITH ACTING DIRECTOR TRAINING BRANCH COL. SALIH NUR AND HIS DEPUTY LT/COL HAWARI ABDEL AZIZ. DCM EXPLAINED THAT REDUCED BUDGET AND INCREASED COSTS LIMITED OUR ABILITY TO EXPAND FY78 IMET PROGRAM FOR SUDAN. HOWEVER, USG WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW PROGRAM TO SEE IF IT WAS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR SUDANESE OFFICERS IN FY 78. TO BEGIN DIALOGUE HE SAID WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SUDANGOV PRIORITIES.
2. COL NUR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE SUDANGOV ATTACHES TO PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR ITS OFFICERS IN US. HE URGED THAT PROGRAM BE EXPANDED. FYI--DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF IN MEETING LATER SAME MORNING ALSO STRONGLY URGED
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SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN IMET ASSISTANCE FOR SUDAN MILITARY. END FYI. COL NUR'S REMARKS INDICATE SUDANESE PRIORITIES ARE PRIMARILY RELATED TO IMPROVING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES OF THE SUDANESE OFFICER CORPS. TO DO THIS THEY WISH TO TRAIN OFFICERS IN US WHO, UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR COURSES, CAN INSTRUCT SUDANESE OFFICERS HERE. IN ADDITION, THERE IS URGENT REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP

OFFICERS CAPABLE OF USING AND MANAGING EQUIPMENT WHICH
SUDANGOV INTENDS PURCHASE OVER NEXT YEAR OR SO.

3. COL NUR INDICATED FOLLOWING AS SPECIFIC PRIORITIES:

A. IN GENERAL HE WISHES TO HAVE SUDANESE OFFICERS
ATTEND SAME COURSES IN FY78 AS IN FY77 EXCEPT, PERHAPS,
MP COURSE. TOP PRIORITY IN THIS GROUP WOULD BE SIGNALS,
COUNTER-INSURGENCY, AND COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE.

B. OTHER PRIORITIES INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS AIR DEFENSE,
ESPECIALLY RADAR, TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL TRAINING;
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT/LOGISTICS--ALL THAT IS
INVOLVED IN MANAGING SUPPLY FROM THE BASE TO THE SOLDIER
IN THE TRENCH; PARATROOPER, INCLUDING FREE JUMP, AIR DROP
AND AIR SUPPLY; BASIC PILOT TRAINING AND TRAINING OF
FINANCE OFFICERS.

C. COMMAND AND STAFF TRAINING FOR MAJORS AND CAPTAINS.
COL NUR SAID SUDANGOV WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TRAINING OF A
TYPE THAT IS GIVEN AT CGSC BUT TAILORED FOR MORE JUNIOR
OFFICERS.

3. DCM NOTED PILOT TRAINING WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE AND
THEREFORE MAY USE MORE OF AVAILABLE BUDGET THAN SUDANGOV
WOULD WISH. HE ALSO REMINDED COL. NUR THAT SOME TRAINING MAY BE
AVAILABLE UNDER FMS WITH ANY SPECIFIC ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT
THAT MAY BE PURCHASED AND THEREFORE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE
OBTAINED UNDER IMET. COL NUR REITERATED THAT ITEMS LISTED
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REPRESENT TOP PRIORITIES FOR SUDANESE ARMED FORCES WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO THEIR COST OR AVAILABILITY UNDER IMET.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY REALIZES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
PROVIDE ALL THE IMET TRAINING SUDANGOV WISHES. AT ONE
POINT, AS WAS CASE LAST YEAR, SOME TRAINING WHICH WOULD BE
DESIRABLE AND USEFUL WILL HAVE TO BE FOREGONE BECAUSE OF
LACK OF FUNDS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE COL NUR'S REMARKS
PROVIDE ACCURATE OVERVIEW OF SUDANESE PRIORITIES.
AS NOTED ABOVE, SUDANGOV WISHES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL
MANAGEMENT QUALITY OF ITS MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND EMBASSY
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICIES AND
OBJECTIVES TO ASSIST WITH THIS EFFORT. EMBASSY MAY WISH
TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS HERE
NEXT WEEK WITH MR. BREMMER OF EUCOM.

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